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### Learn About Historic Communities and Tourism at the National Trust Conference Preserve America Affiliate Session

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Preserve America this year, we're offering a forum on "Historic Communities and Tourism: How Do We Connect the Dots?" in conjunction with the National Preservation Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. This affiliate session is



listed in the conference program and will take place Oct. 30, from 1-3 p.m. in the Edison North meeting room of the downtown Indianapolis Crowne Plaza Hotel. Representatives of Preserve America Communities as well as other historic communities and their partners are invited to participate. While registration for the entire National Preservation Conference is encouraged, it is not required to attend this free session.

Come hear speakers talk about their communities' or region's preservation and heritage tourism accomplishments, and how they are gauging the economic and other successes of their efforts. Case studies from the historic Irvington neighborhood of Indianapolis, the historic National Road corridor in Indiana, the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area in Illinois and Kentucky's bourbon belt region will focus on partnerships, collaboration and the potential for further development of U.S. heritage tourism. The topic will be explored in the context of the National Travel and Tourism Strategy, which focuses on easing overseas visitor entry, sharing our special places and creating and sustaining jobs. The forum will include time for questions and discussion.

We would love to see and exchange ideas with participants from Preserve America Communities, Certified Local Governments and Main Street Communities, heritage areas and scenic byways, gateway communities to National Parks and other significant public resources, as well as communities named by the National Trust to the annual Dozen Distinctive Destinations list. The forum also welcomes others working with these communities, including state and tribal preservation officials, statewide and regional heritage organizations, convention and visitor bureaus and tourism offices.

We encourage those interested in attending the forum to register by [e-mailing us](#) your name; title; organization/agency; Preserve America involvement (if applicable); e-mail address and phone number.

Whether or not you're able to let us know ahead of time, however, we hope you can join us in Indianapolis!

Preserve America Community Oak Park, Ill.

## New Preserve America Stewards Designations

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First Lady Michelle Obama has signed designation letters for two new Preserve America Stewards: the Amache Preservation Society in Colorado and the Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery in New York. This brings the total nationwide to 40. [Read more.](#)

[Apply for designation.](#)

Ceremony at Amache, Granada, Colo.



## First Lady Designates Three Preserve America Communities

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First Lady Michelle Obama designated three new Preserve America Communities: Cincinnati, Ohio; Placerville, Calif.; and Kendall County, Texas. [Read more here.](#)

[Apply for designation.](#) The next deadline is Dec. 1.

Historic Union Station,  
Cincinnati, Ohio



## Preservation of African American Historic Places Benefits Nation's Communities

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Leading national experts discussed how historic preservation tools can assist economic, educational and cultural renewal in the nation's communities at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation annual conference on Sept. 19. The panel included ACHP Vice Chairman Clement A. Price and was titled "Preserving African American Historic Places: Breathing New Life into Our Communities." [Read about this informative session.](#)



## National History Teacher of the Year Named

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Jill Szymanski, a 4th/5th grade teacher from the Red Clay Consolidated School District in Wilmington, Del., is this year's National History

Teacher of the Year. The ceremony took place in New York City Oct. 21. Preserve America has been a partner in honoring exceptional history teachers for the full 10 years of the award's existence. [Read more](#) about this exciting award.

### **Preserve America Forum Provides ACHP Members Opportunity to Explore Program's Future Direction**

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Ten years after the initiative's launch, four panelists representing different facets of the Preserve America program discussed the current state and future direction of the program with ACHP members at a forum in July.



The invited guest panelists, who made presentations and then responded to questions and explored the program's operation with members, were Mayor Salvatore Panto, Jr. of Easton, Penn.; Robert Billington of the Blackstone River Valley Tourism Council, Rhode Island; Kathleen Kilpatrick, Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer; and Cheryl Oliver of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

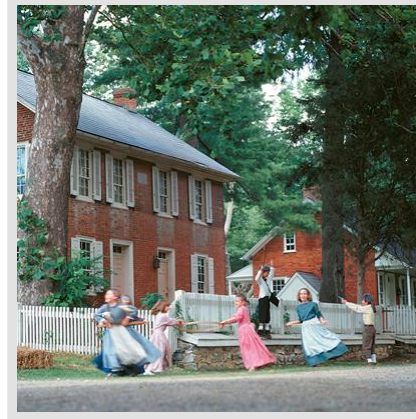
The forum resulted from the ACHP's desire to offer an opportunity for several local, regional and national Preserve America program participants and beneficiaries from various parts of the country to share some of their experiences. Collectively, the panelists provided the ACHP members, staff and audience with an excellent understanding of the reach and benefits of the program. This will assist the ACHP to begin an examination of the future of the Preserve America program within the current Administration's priorities and examine how to best utilize its components as part of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act in 2016. [Read more.](#)

### **Lancaster County Forum on Historic Preservation**

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ACHP Office of Preservation Initiatives Director Ron Anzalone was the featured keynote speaker Sept. 19 at the first Historic Preservation Forum for Municipal Officials in Lancaster County, Penn. Sponsored by the Lancaster County Preservation Trust, the forum included elected officials and other representatives from 22 of the municipal jurisdictions in the county, including the city of Lancaster, six borough governments, and 15 townships. Staff and board members from the nonprofit Lancaster County Preservation Trust, the Central Pennsylvania community assistance representative from the Pennsylvania Bureau of Historic Preservation (SHPO), the staff director of the Lancaster County Planning Commission, and the retired Historic Preservation Specialist for the Planning Commission were also in attendance. There were lively discussions of economic and design issues as they relate to local efforts with preservation, including various examples of major development

and heritage tourism-related projects, as well as ongoing historic property inventory, and local creation, review and enforcement of zoning and demolition ordinances under the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code. Officials noted several significant issues related to the retention and protection of agricultural lands and historic farms that make up a large portion of Lancaster County townships, as well as the difficulty of enforcing historic preservation requirements with absentee property owners in area historic districts.



Lancaster County, the city of Lancaster, and the Borough of Columbia are designated Preserve America Communities. Several of the jurisdictions are also Certified Local Governments or Main Street Communities. The Lancaster area has long been known for its outstanding historic resources, its cultural landscapes and its associated Amish and Mennonite traditions, its barns and other agricultural structures, and its extensive network of rural byways and covered bridges. Read a summary of the forum from the [newspaper](#) or [see photos of the forum](#).

Historic games in Lancaster County.

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### Publicize Your Event!

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